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TAGS: PFOR, SL

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT SIAKA STEVENS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON: "DEAR MR.  
PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PLEASE ALLOW  
ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE CONGRATULATING US ON  
OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. SINCERELY, RICHARD  
NIXON".

2. USG HAS NO PLANS FOR RELEASE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S  
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION BY THE GOSL.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT  
STEVENS: "YOUR EXCELLENCY ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE  
HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IT GIVES ME GREAT  
PLEASURE TO SEND MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND  
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AS YOU COMMEMORATE IT. I  
MYSELF AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SIERRA  
LEONE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR CURRENT AND CONTINUING  
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EFFORTS TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD PEACE. WE WISH

YOU SUCCESS IN THIS GREAT EFFORT. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
SIAKA STEVENS". KISSINGER

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## Message Attributes

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